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THE COLUMBIA MISSION FUND was established in 1859, to aid the Church of England in the new Colony of British Columbia, the area of which equals that of France and England, in the Maintenance of Clergy, Catechists, and Teachers amongst both the European and Indian population; also in erection of Churches, Schools, Parsonages, and Mission Buildings.

Assistance at this time is earnestly sought in consequence of the following circumstances, viz.:—

Several New Missions of peculiar interest have been recently, and almost of *necessity*, undertaken: such as the Rev. J. B. Good's removal to *the Thompson River Indians*, who *urgently pressed him* to come, and *of whom* 1,000 have placed themselves under instruction; the new Mission to *the Tahk-aht Tribes* who inhabit 20 *villages along* 200 *miles* of the Pacific Coast; permanent residence of a *Missionary at Cariboo*, the chief mining district of the Colony, &c.

Falling off in Subscriptions has taken place at home through death of friends, expiration of limited time of subscriptions, and other causes.

A Commercial Crisis, lasting four years, has greatly reduced resources in the Colony, and in spite of all efforts has *placed the Mission in debt.*

Reduction in the Grant of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 30 *per cent.* has rendered it *impossible for the Clergy*, already poorly paid, *to exist upon the reduced incomes.*

Urgent Call for extension of the work exists especially amongst the Natives of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers, in Queen Charlotte's Islands, and elsewhere, which if unheeded now must result in ground being lost, and openings neglected never afterwards to be regained.

There will be *absolute necessity* for *giving up important work* which God is blessing, and *reducing the number of Clergy*, if this appeal does not succeed.

Thus far the work has prospered, and the Church of Christ is being steadily planted in that new land; for in Ten years, *instead* of *one*

Clergyman and *one Church*, there are 25 *Churches* and *Mission Chapels*, 21 *Residences*, and 11 *School Rooms*, 10 *Missions* have been opened to the Indian population, glebes for future endowment have been secured in many parishes, and 15 *Clergymen*, 13 *Catechists and Teachers* form the Ministering and Educational body, through whom, from 35 *centres*, the work of civilization is proceeding in all parts of the Colony.

The Native Indian race numbers 50,000, and the Europeans are scattered over a vast area of many districts, varying in population from a few hundreds to several thousands.

The Colonists are doing their utmost, making efforts with much self-denial, and the poor natives urge us not to desert them.

For the last two years the Bishop has borne personally the risk of keeping up the Mission; and not only has no one good work been allowed to drop, but *new work*, under circumstances of peculiar interest, has been undertaken, and this appeal is now made to the sympathy of the Church of England, and all friends of civilization, to relieve the Mission from its difficulties, and to further the work of Christ's Gospel in this important Colony of the British Empire.

£2,000 is required in *Annual Subscriptions*;—and *Donations* are earnestly sought towards the debt upon the Mission and extension of the work.

Contributions will be thankfully received by—

The Bishop of Columbia, 70, Upper Berkeley Street,
Portman Square, W.

And for the Columbia Mission—

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And by the Secretaries—

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